

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A positioning structure comprising:

a main member;

a boss upstanding from the main member, the boss having a positioning section; and

a plurality of members to be pierced each having a through hole through which the boss is inserted whereby the members to be pierced are stacked and fixed and the main member and the members to be pierced are relatively positioned to each other,

wherein the positioning section positions the members to be pierced to predetermined positions along an inserting direction of the boss, respectively, and

the positioning section comprises at least one support face for each member to be pierced, wherein the at least one support face extends perpendicular to the inserting direction and supports the member to be pierced.

2. (currently amended): The positioning structure according to claim 1, wherein the ~~positioning section is configured by~~ at least one support face comprises a plurality of steps which are disposed by forming the boss into a shape that is stepwise tapered as advancing toward a tip end.

3. (previously presented): The positioning structure according to claim 2, wherein, widths of the steps of the boss in a direction perpendicular to the inserting direction are equal to minimum inner dimensions of the through holes of the members corresponding to placement positions, respectively.

4. (previously presented): The positioning structure according to claim 2, wherein vertical gap dimensions between the steps in the inserting direction correspond to thickness of the members to be pierced, respectively.

5. (currently amended): ~~The positioning structure according to claim 1, A~~
positioning structure comprising:

a main member;

a boss upstanding from the main member, the boss having a positioning section; and

a plurality of members to be pierced each having a through hole through which the boss is inserted whereby the members to be pierced are stacked and fixed and the main member and the members to be pierced are relatively positioned to each other,

wherein the positioning section positions the members to be pierced to predetermined positions along an inserting direction of the boss, respectively, and

wherein the boss is formed into a shape that is continuously tapered as advancing toward a tip end, and, widths of the boss in a direction perpendicular to the inserting direction are equal

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to minimum inner dimensions of the through holes of the members corresponding to placement positions, respectively.

6. (canceled)